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* Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, Sir, I heartily congratulate the Hon. the Home Member for the trouble he has taken in having this Bill passed into law. There were grievances that there were not enough number of representatives of the Nurses' Association on the Council and also that the Director of Public Health, who is in charge of the Child Welfare Scheme and other public health activities had no seat on the Council. All these grievances have now been redressed by the Bill which has been brought forward by the Hon. the Home Member and which is now about to be passed into law. In this connexion, I wish to express my thanks not only to the Hon. the Home Member, but also to the Secretary to the Legislative Council, to the Surgeon-General, the Director of Public Health and the representatives of the Nurses' Association who helped us in the consideration of the Bill in the Select Committee. I once more congratulate the Hon. the Leader of the House."

The question that the Bill be passed into law was put and carried.

VI.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS LOCAL AUTHORITIES ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ACT, 1926, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 7 OF 1934).

* The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I beg to introduce a Bill to amend the [a] Madras Local Authorities Entertainments Tax Act, 1926, for certain purposes (Bill No. 7 of 1934) and move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

" As the law stands at present, it is necessary for a local authority before levying the tax to apply to the Local Government for sanction. But before they could apply, they would have to meet and decide the question. In the case of entertainments of very short duration, it has been found by experience it was too late by the time all these formalities had been gone through. It is therefore proposed in this amending Bill to authorize the executive authority of the local body to make the application to Government in cases of urgency and get the sanction of Government for the levy of the tax."

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I second it."

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 *and* 2.

Clauses 1 and 2 were put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be passed into law."

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I second it."

The question that the Bill be passed into law was put and carried.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 602–603 infra.